

NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
City Council Chambers
June 15, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Duffield, McIntosh, West, Lawrenz, Rodheim, Rhyne and Valdes were present.

Council Liaison: Nancy Gardner

Staff: Manager Chris Miller

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Harbor Commission and staff honored Commissioner and Chair Don Lawrenz for his many years of volunteer service. This was his last meeting as he is termed out.

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Rodheim, seconded Commissioner West, to approve the May minutes: All ayes, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Len Bose noted that sea lions are back. He also spoke about the good communication between the sailing and charter communities, and how both groups have been working really hard to coexist in the harbor together. Mr. Bose also wanted to promote the Hi-Point sailing series, and suggested that the City may want to donate a prize of eight parking passes.

ACTION & APPEAL ITEMS

ITEM #1

Subject: Monofilament Retrieval Program

Abstract: The Harbor Commission will hear a presentation by Mr. John McCullough on a monofilament retrieval program that he is proposing at the harbor and ocean piers in Newport Beach.

Discussion: Mr. McCullough stated that he has 20 monofilament units that he has put together and wants to use in Newport Harbor. As to the collection process, he wanted to get the City involved and collect the monofilament, then bring it to the General Services yard. Then, John would collect it from there, and dispose/keep records accordingly. He asked about the size of the sign, and noted that the CBWQ Committee thought that it was too large. He also mentioned that he would like the collection units on all of the public piers.

- Commissioner McIntosh supported the concept.
- Commissioner Rodheim was concerned about the details like graffiti, broken units and the commercializing the area etc...
- Council Member Gardner suggested that perhaps we educate the public about fishing lines on the City's trash cans if this program didn't work out.
- Commissioner Duffield mentioned that there is probably lots of fishing line out by the entrance jetty where many people fish.
- Commissioner West also thought the details were important, but supported the program.

- Council Member Gardiner suggested that she contact the Municipal Operations Department Director Mark Harmon to introduce him to the subject before Mr. McCullough contacts him.

Action: The Harbor Commission recommended that staff forward the request to senior staff for consideration.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sailing Speed Limit:

Commissioner West reported that the issue must first go to the Department of Boating and Waterways ("DBAW") before it goes to Council. Commissioner Rodheim offered to help coordinate with DBAW. There is also a question about the conflicting terminology between the City and County rules (knots vs. mph) in our Municipal Code. This revision could clean this up.

Harbor Visioning Task Force:

Commissioner Rodheim gave an update on the last Task Force meeting. Some things that were discussed were: 1) realigning the Project Lines, 2) how the channel interacts with the mooring fields, and 3) what the Fun Zone area could look like.

Cruising Guide:

Commissioner West stated that the anticipated cost for the Cruising Guide revision effort would be about \$5,000.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council Member Gardner reported on the Marine Committee meeting during which life jackets were discussed. She thought that the current proposed regulations are overly restricted if taken literally. Folks on surfboards and Duffy passengers might be affected. Perhaps there could be a two-tiered approach for harbors that do not allow vessels to travel over 5 mph and for harbors that do. She also reported on the copper bottom paint issue and said that the Coastal Bay Water Quality Committee has been lukewarm about it, and they want to make sure the science is there. Perhaps there could be a site specific rule for Newport? She also reported on the Tidelands Management Committee and the presentation about Lower Bay dredging. The group supports contributing additional funds to the Corps to increase the dredging opportunity. She also reported on the historical vessel Shawnee and that the owner should proceed with moving it. She also suggested that the Harbor Commission let the Council know about any of the nominees for the upcoming Harbor Commission vacancy.

HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE – Manager Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation on harbor updates. *The update is posted at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1777>*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Len Bose mentioned the potential impact that the Rhine dredging project may have upon the Newport Harbor Shipyard. He also commented that the vessel Shawnee may fit at the Harbor Patrol's facility. He also commented that Brad Avery would be a good Harbor Commissioner. He also commented on how the increased daily rental fee for moorings has resulted in less transient type vessels in the harbor.

RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- Mooring Administration and Wait List, Mooring Extensions etc...
- NOAA Update on Mooring Field Realignment
- Dinghy Dock at Lido Bridge

- Bilge/pumpout stations

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT